

Trail Grants

How to Obtain Funds for Your Community



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (HCF)

Agenda

- RTP Overview
- HCF Program Overview
- Application Information



Application Due Date

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Habitat Conservation Fund Program
(HCF)

These are annual programs with
applications due the
1st workday in October.

The RTP's Purpose



To develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.





RTP Funds



From the Federal Highway Trust Fund

Represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use.

Fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.



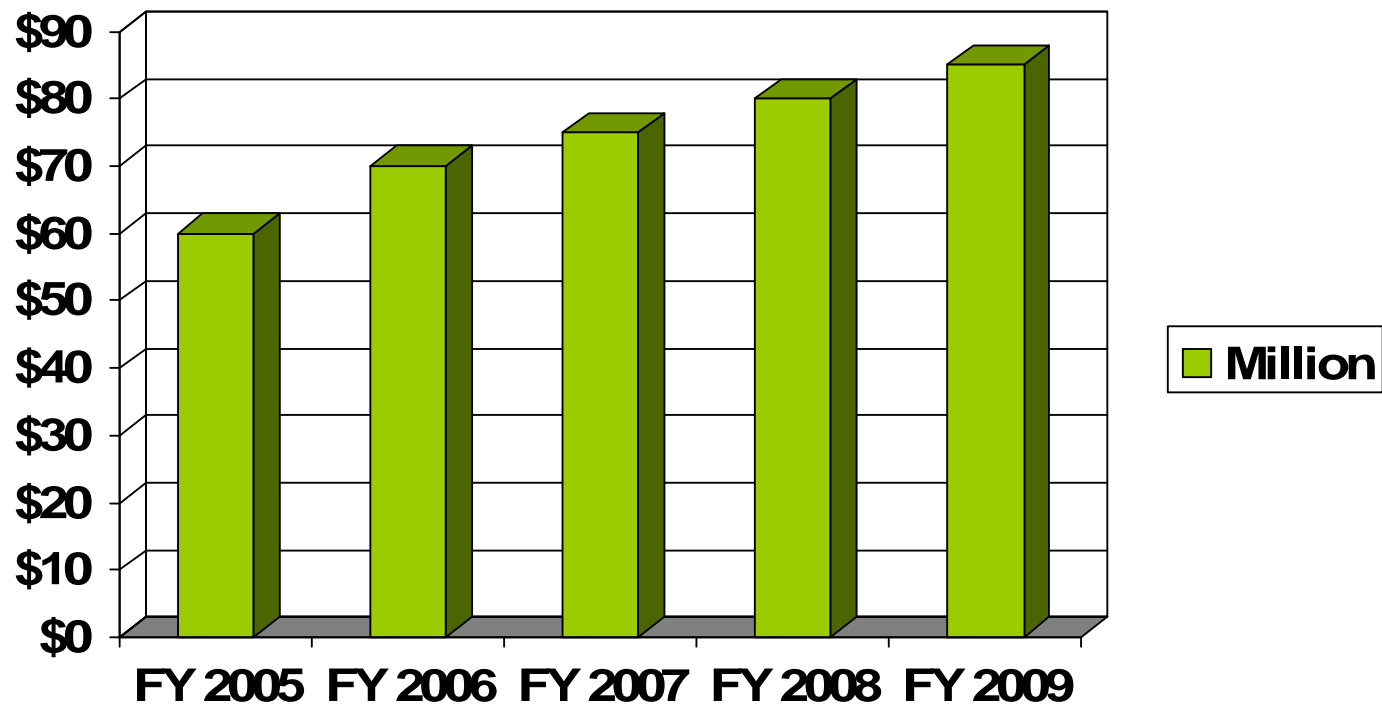
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

SAFETEA-LU

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

Enacted August 10, 2005 as Public Law 109-59

Nationwide

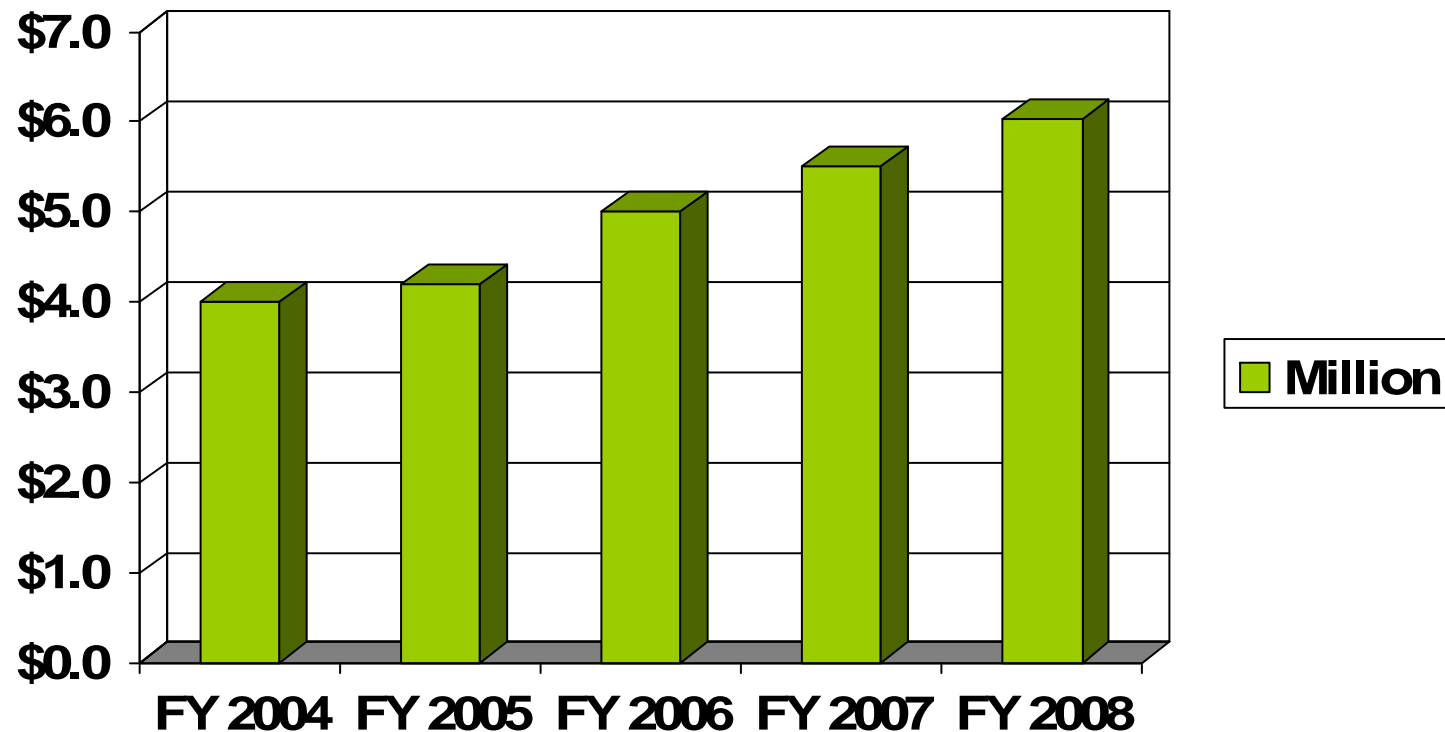
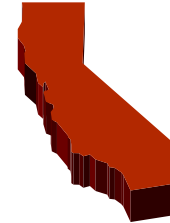


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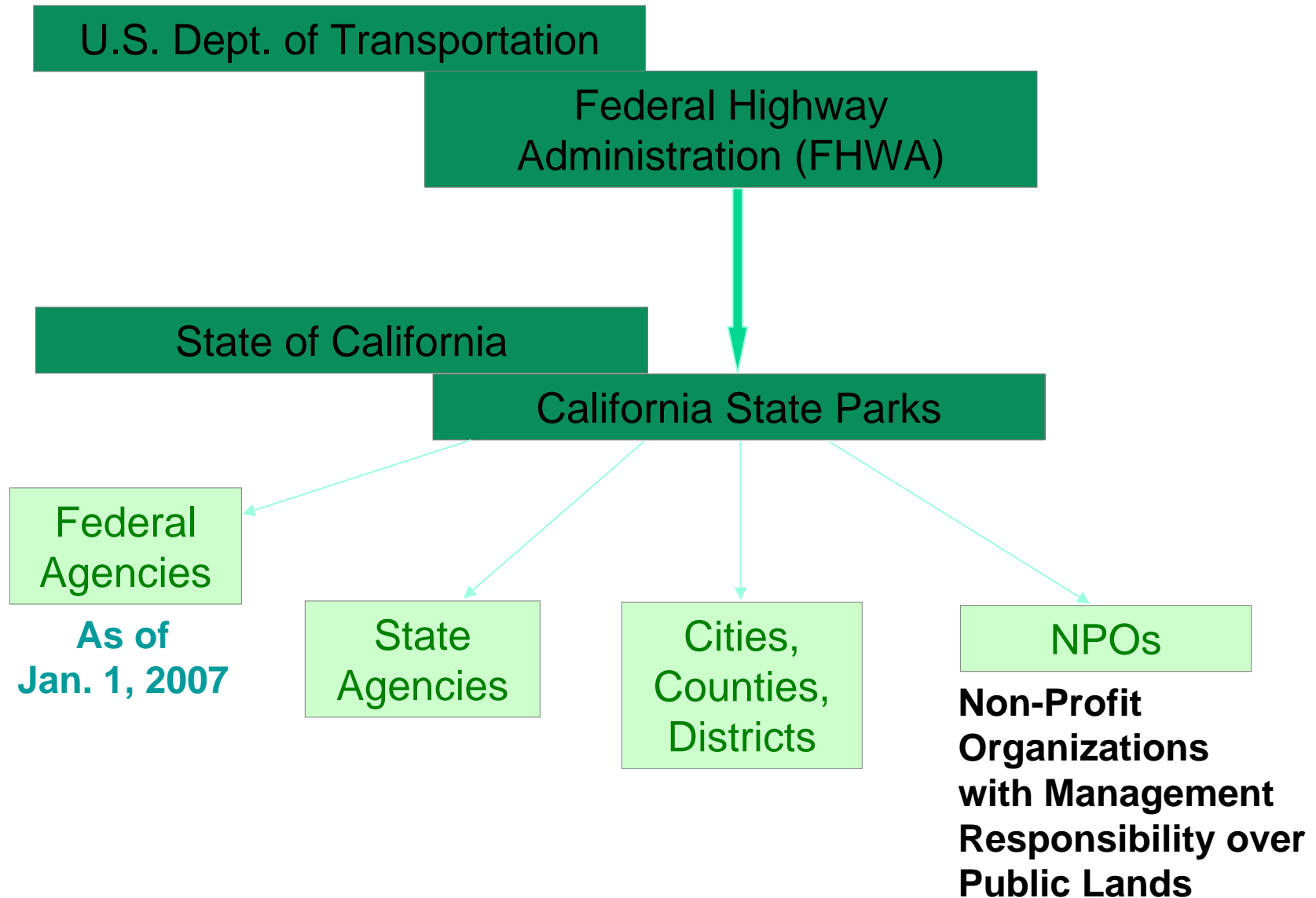
Statewide

Allocations for CA

For Project Funding and Administrative Costs



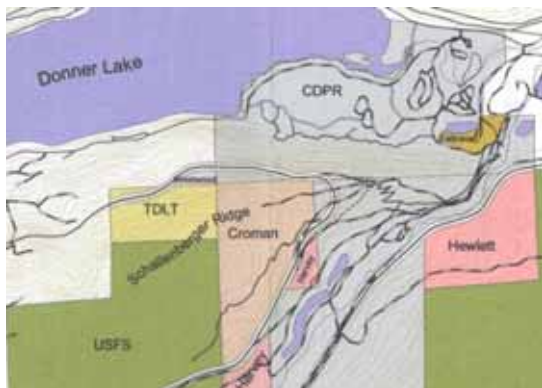
RTP Applicants



RTP - Eligible Projects

NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition.
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Construction of new trails.



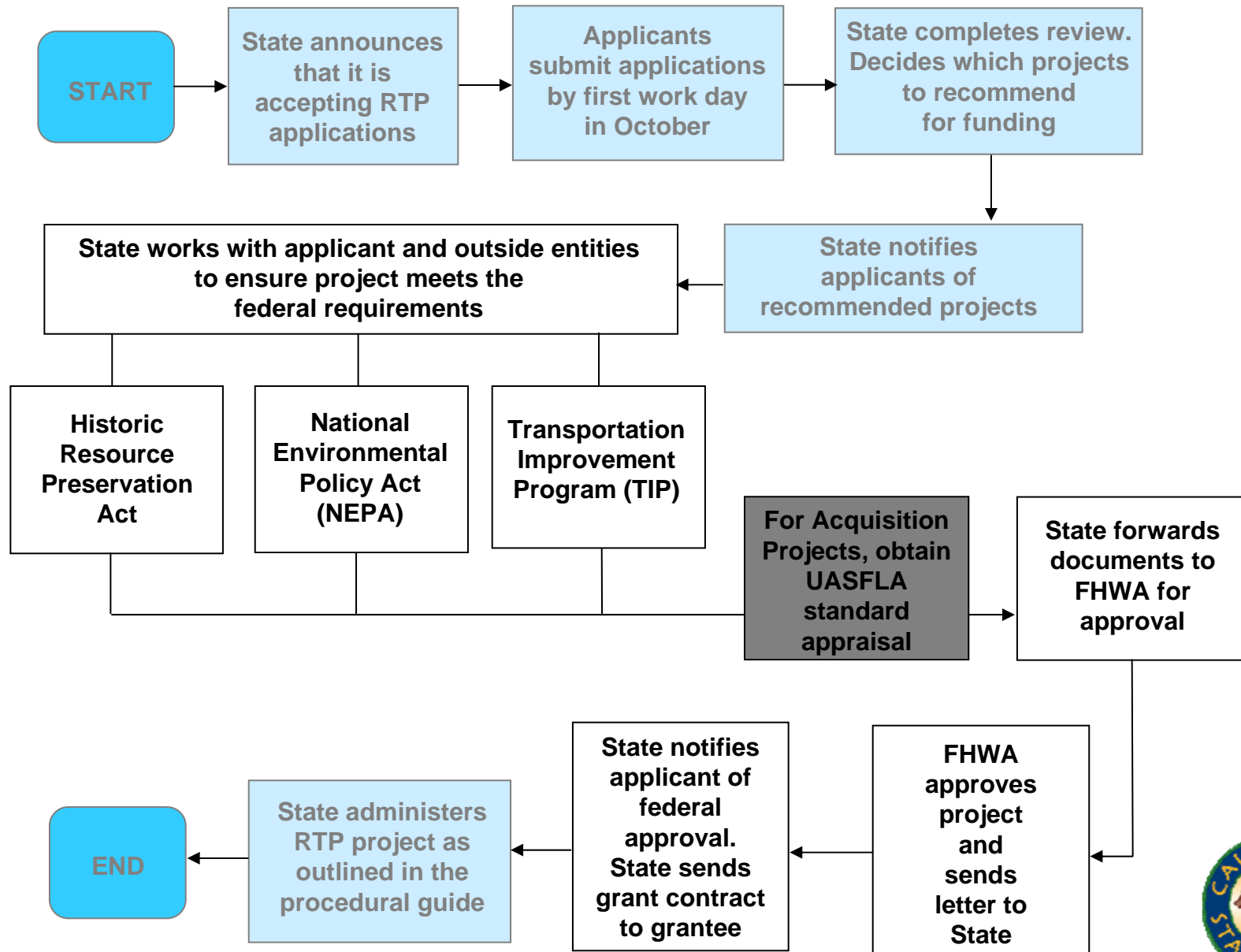
RTP - Eligible Projects

MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Maintenance of existing trails.
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and trail maintenance equipment.
- Safety programs



RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)



HCF History

California Wildlife Protection Act (Mountain Lion Initiative)

**Proposition 117 passed in 1990
- 30 Year Program**





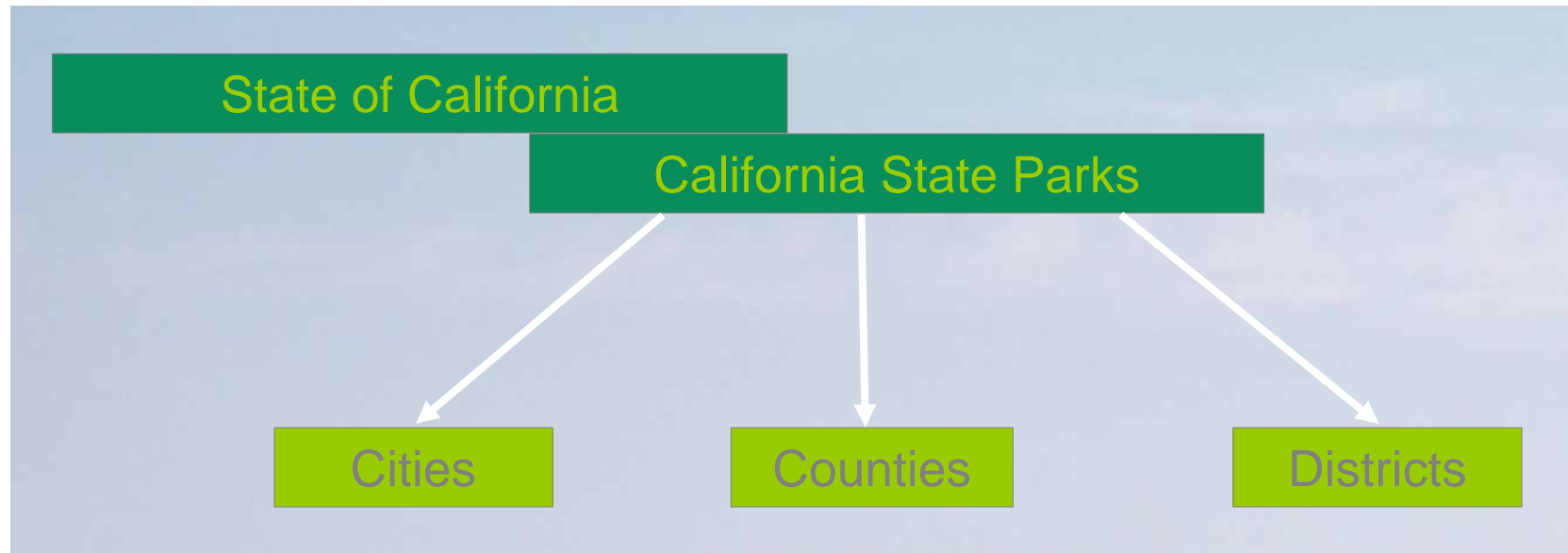
HCF Grant Funding

- \$2 million per year
- 7 funding categories
- All categories available each year
- 50% match required
- No minimum or maximum grant request amounts

Application Due Date:
First work day in October



HCF Applicants



There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant can submit!

HCF Project Categories

- 1. Deer/Mountain Lion Habitat**
- 2. Rare, Endangered, Threatened, or Fully Protected Species Habitat**
- 3. Wetland Habitat**
- 4. Anadromous Salmonids and Anadromous Trout Habitat**
- 5. Riparian Habitat**
- 6. Trails**
- 7. Programs**



HCF

General Criteria (50 Points)

- Threat
- Access
- Stakeholders
- Management Capacity
- Conservation Corps Involvement



HCF Project Categories

6. Trails

Acquisition or development of trails which provide opportunity for urban residents to experience wildlife areas



Trails-50 Points

(Acquisition or Development)

- Deficiency
- Solutions to the Deficiencies
- Linkages
- Sustainable Design



HCF Project Categories

7. Programs

An event, or series of events intended to bring urban residents into areas with indigenous plants and animals



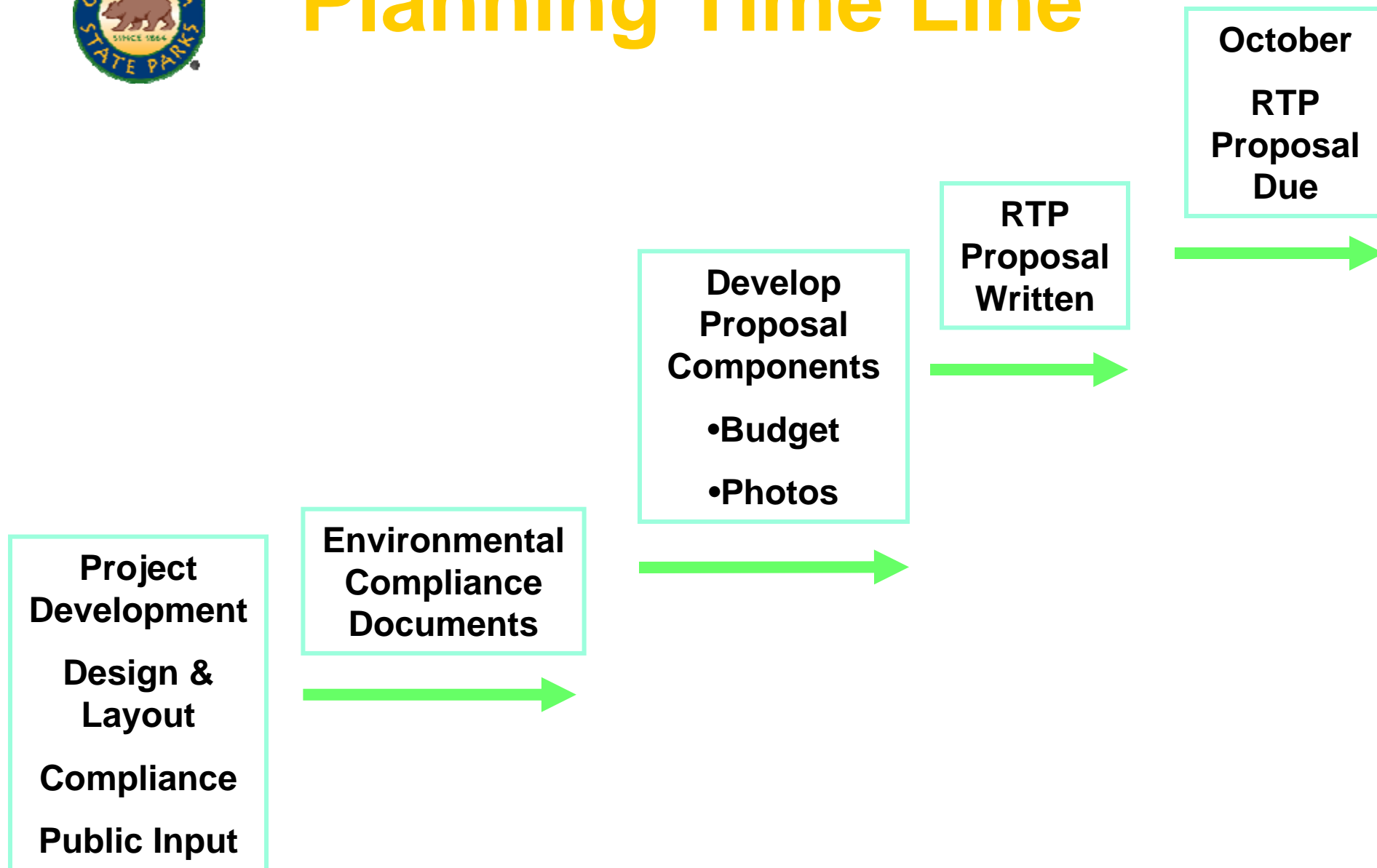
Program (Programs Only - 50 Points)

Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Experiences
Significant Wildlife Area/Parklands
New Experiences
Healthy Living
Applicant/Partner Capacity





Planning Time Line

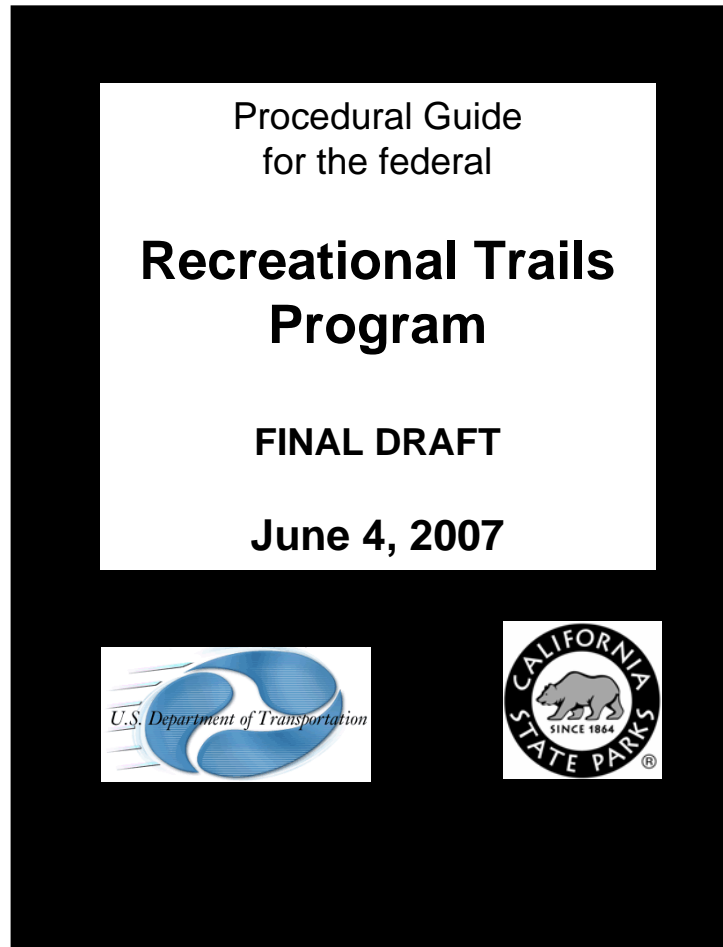


December January February March April May June July August September October

RTP Procedural Guide

2007 Guide

**Use June 4, 2007
version for
October 2008 Cycle**



HCF Procedural Guide

Revised in 2007

Use copy dated
MAY 2007

Procedural Guide
for the

Habitat Conservation Fund Program

Under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990
(Proposition 117 Initiative)



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Parks and Recreation

"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"

Partial
List

Application Package

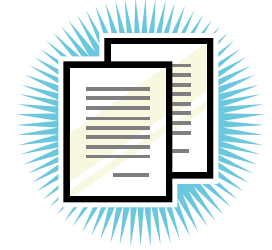
Tips about these key items



- **Application Form**
- **Summary and Proposal**
- **CEQA Compliance Documents**
- **Cost Estimate**
- **Site Plan, Project Location Map, Topographic Map, Photos, Land Ownership**



Application Package



APPLICATION FORM

- **Limit information to what is requested.**
- **Provide concise Grant Scope = “What the project is”.**
- **Must be consistent with CEQA, Cost Estimate & Site Plan.**



Application Package

Project Summary and Project Proposal

- **Project Summary:**

Provide brief, one-page overview of applicant's intentions regarding the project.

- **Proposal (response to criteria):**

Respond fully to each criteria question or statement. If portions are not applicable, state N/A.

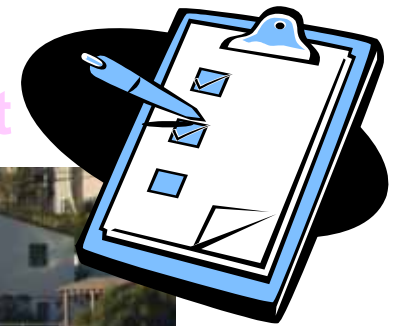
*15-page limit for proposal, double-spaced.
Attachments are separate.*



Application Package

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

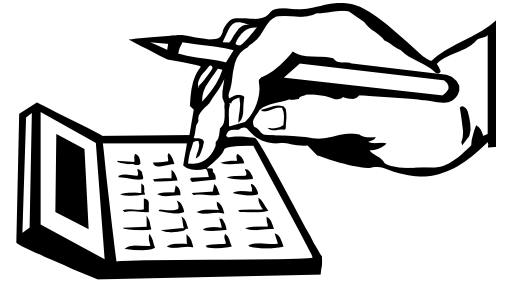


- **Must be complete at time of application.**



Application Package

COST ESTIMATE-All Projects



- **List all “project components”.**
- **Ensure the “math” is correct.**
- **Show “Required Match” amount and source(s).**



Application Package

RTP

Cost Estimate



- List all “project components”.
- Line Items for Contingency are no longer allowed
- Show “Required Match” amount and source(s).
 - Match amount is 12% under SAFETEA-LU.
- There is no minimum or maximum grant request amount.

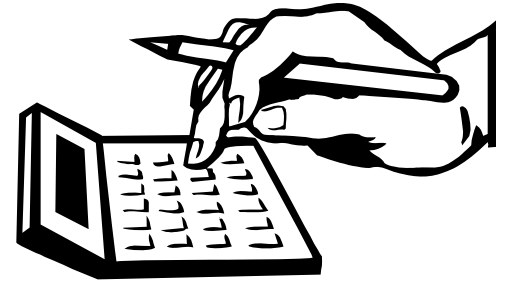


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Cost Estimate

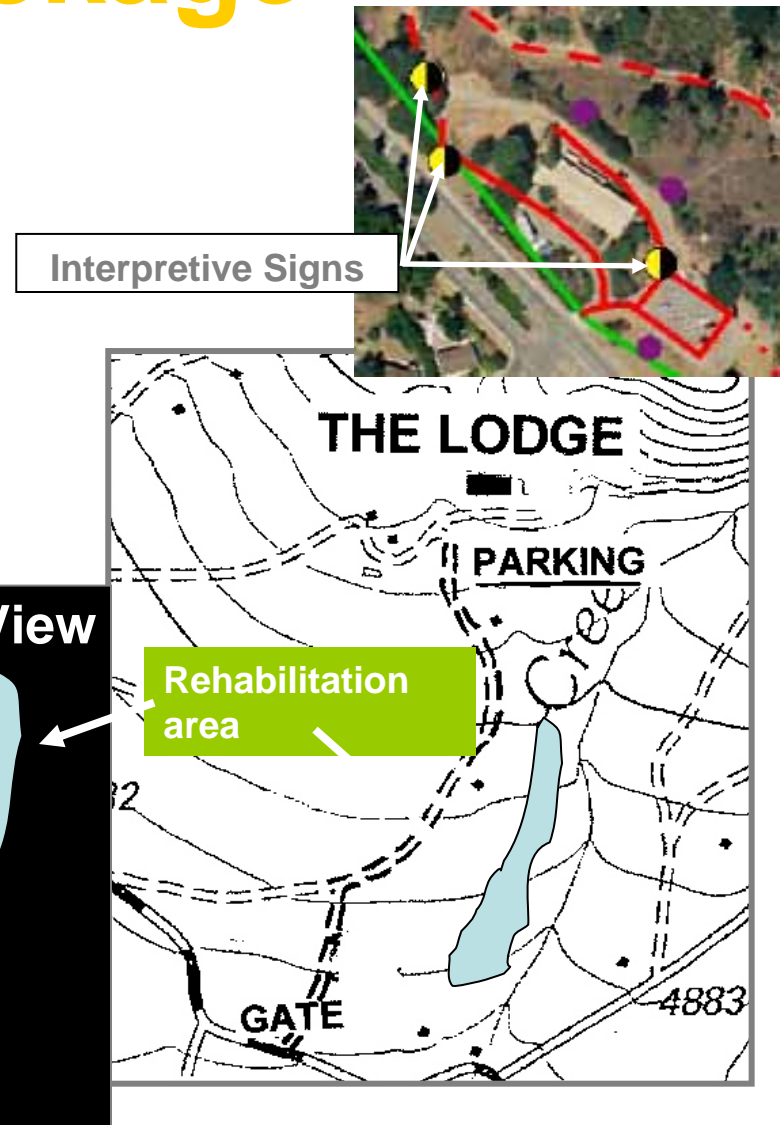
- Match amount is 50% of Total Project Cost.
- Eligible Sources include:
 - Local, Federal and Private Funds.
 - Donated Materials, Services or (Land for Acquisition Projects).



Application Package

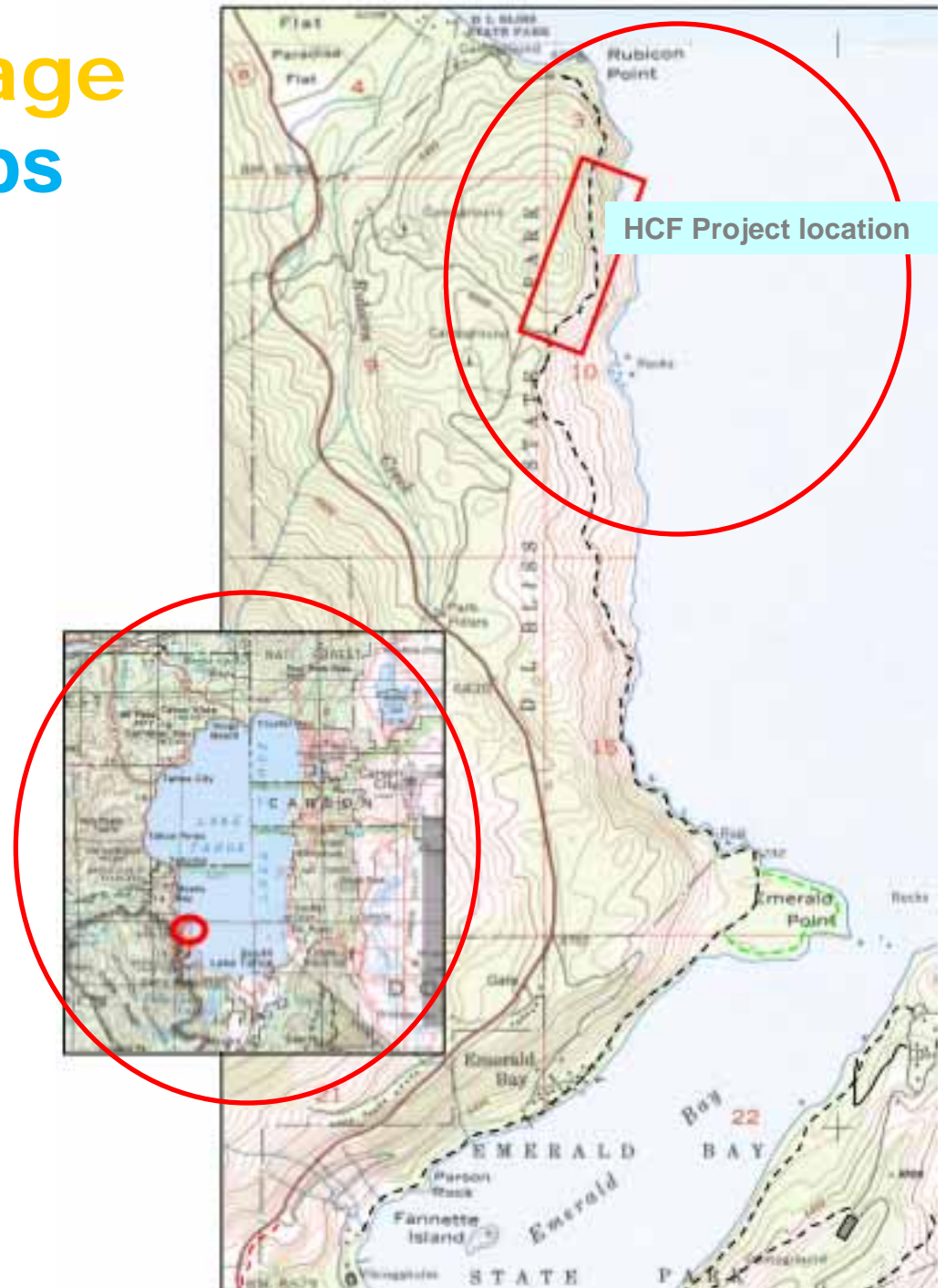
Site Plan

- Can be either a drawing or depiction of project.
- Show major scope items.



Application Package Project Location Maps

- Give good regional location
- Identify the project location on the map
- Simple “off the shelf” or on-line programs will work
- Give cross streets if no address

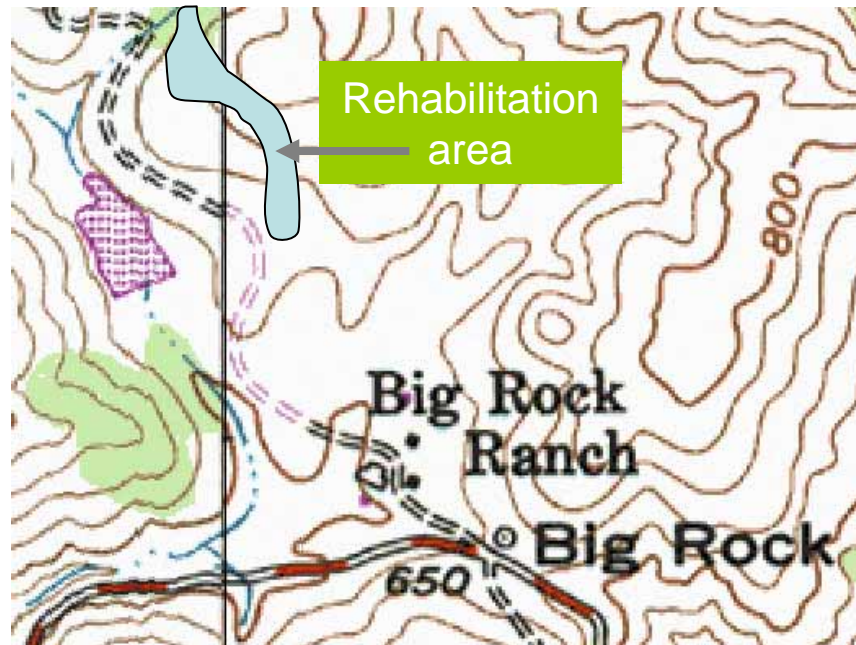


Application Package

Topographic Maps



- The maps need to be detailed enough to identify the project elements.
- HCF-Look at category-specific criteria to ensure you capture any additional required information.



Application Package

Project Photos

Tie photos to
other project
elements

- Assist reviewer in recognizing area deficiencies
- Caption photos for reference



Application Package

Land Ownership

- Acquisition Schedule, Parcel Map and Willing Seller Letter
- Land Tenure for Development/Site Improvement/Restoration Projects



APPLICATION “To Do List”

- **Ensure all checklist items are included.**
- **Double-space project proposal.**
- **Include recordation numbers on application form (if applicable to the project).**
- **Ensure all forms are signed by the authorized representative.**



Suggested Next Steps



- **Read Procedural Guide thoroughly.**
- **Begin forward planning elements as soon as possible.**
- **Contact California State Parks if you have questions.**
 - **Your Project Officer - Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)**
 - **OGALS website: www.parks.ca.gov, click on “Grants”**



EVALUATION

